







the LITTLE WISE GUYS in 60 WEST, YOUNG MAN



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THE LITTLE WISE GUYS ARE CONFRONTED WITH A SITUATION LIKE THIS WHEN THEY GO WEST, EXPECTING TO ENJOY THE EXCITEMENT OF STAGECOACHEG, COWBOYS AND

CATTLE PUNCHING, BUT INSTEAD BECOME INVOLVED WITH FERRY BOATS, CORRUPTION AND ONE OF THE LOWEST CHARACTERS THEY'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!

LET'S SEE HOW A LOT OF THE UGUAL' WISE GUYS' SPUNK AND FAST ACTION, COMBINED WITH A TYPICAL UNINTENTIONAL ASSIST FROM SCARECROW. BRINGS WILD AND WOOLLY ACTION BACK TO THE WEST!

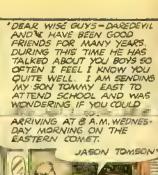
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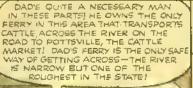






HI, TEX! I OLD MAN DAVIS
WANT YOU CAME IN WITH
TO MEET A HERD OF
THE WISE CATTLE AND
GUYS! BY YOUR DAD HAD
THE WAY, TO LOAD IEM
WHERE'S ON THE FERRYDAD? HE SAID HE
WAS SORRY HE











106 STEERS AT NONSENSE TEN CENTS A HEAD! ASON! THATLL BE \$10 60 KNOW IT'S FELL SORT OF WORTH TEN GUILTY CHARGING TIMES TART THAT MUCH BUT IF NOT TO RISK IT WAS ANY LESS IT LOSING CATTLE WOULDN'T PAY ME IN THE RIVER





MEANWHILE IN TOWN ...

BY GUM, DON'T BETTER THAN THAT- POTTSVILLE ELL ME YER FILL UR TOO, THIS IS IS THE NEW HOME OF THE PARKER HAPPENED! WHAT STOCKYARD AND PACKING PLANT-SOMEBODY STRIKE THE RANCHERS GOLD? FROM ALL OVER THE



NOW THAT PARKER THAT'S RIGHT, HAS THE NEW YARD AND PACKING PLANT MENTY AND HERE, WERE SURE PUT A STRAIN

ON DUD MUCH CLOSER JASON'S FERRY MARKET-AND IT BEING THE RICHER ONE! DNLY ONE 175 AROUND ERINGING CATTLEMEN FROM THESE PARTS



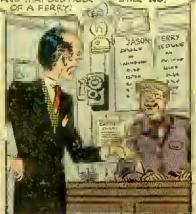
NEVER THOUGHT THAT GETTING RIGHT OVER TO JASON'S AND RESERVE ME SOME SPACE!

A GOOD IDEA! IF WE DON'T MAKE RESERVA TIONS ITS LIABLE TO BE WEEKS BEFORE WE AN GET OUR CATTLE-ACROSS THE



MEANWHILE, GREBE VISITS JASON AT HIS OFFICE.

TELL YOU JASON, IT'S I DON KNOW WHY THE CHANCE OF A LIFE-YOU'RE SO INTER-TIME! YOU'LL NEVER GET ESTED IN MY FERR ANOTHER OFFER LIKE GREBE, BUT THE IT FOR YOUR PROPERTY ANSWER IS AND THAT OLD HULK STILL NO!



NO I'M NOT BEING THIS IS NO STUBBORN. FERRY IS MY ONLY JASON! MY MEANS OF INCOME FINAL OFFER AND THE ONLY THING I CAN LEAVE TO TOMMY AFTER IM GONE! I WOULDN'T 15 \$20,000! TAKE IT OR LEAVE PART WITH IT AT ANY PRICE! NOW



































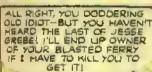














GEE, MR. TOM-SON, IF GREBE REALLY DID OPEN THE DAM HE HE WAS SO MAD, MIGHT TRY IT AGAIN MAYBE WIDER



NEXT MORNING ...

WILSON, HOP OVER TO JASON'S LANDING AND FIND OUT WHAT DELAYED YESTERDAY'S SHIPMENT AFFORD A HAVE ANY PRODUCTION I'LL GET OVER THERE IMMEDIATELY MR. RIFT! JAMES ST PARKE MEKT

GOSH, I HOPE EVERYTHING GOES OFF ALL RIGHT ON THIS RUNI



OKAY,























YOU MAY BE DON'T KNOW BOSS! AIN'T TOO IT EVER GOT INTO WISE HAVIN' A THE WRONG HANDS THING LIKE GIVE IT BACK TO ME! ON SECOND THOUGHT I'LL SEE HIM IN ING AROUND! PERSON! LETS GO IT MIGHT

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, TOMSON! IF YOU DON'T SIGN THIS DEED OVER TO ME YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR SON ALIVE AGAIN! I HAVE TOMMY AND THOSE BRATS THE EAST LOCKED UP IN FROM THE DAN TOWER! I'LL HAVE THEM ALL KILLED UN-LESS YOU DECIDE TO PLAY BALL! I DON'T



ALL RIGHT, TOMSON. DON'T SAY IDN'T GIVE YOU YOUR CHANCE! C'MON, RUFE!



WAIT!





DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT! BESIDES I JUST BOUGHT TOMSON'S BUSIN NESS! IT DOESN'T SOUND LOSICAL WRECKING MY OWN FERRY ESPECIALLY AFTER PAYING \$ 20,000

HE'S LYING! HE FORCED ME INTO SIGN ING! AND HE NEVER PAID ME A CENTI THEY HAVE TOMMY A PRISONER IN AND THREAT-ENED TO KILL HIM! I

IT'S A SURE

ONE IS LYING!

WHAT'VE YOU

GOT TO SAY,

RUFE? WERE

YOU A WIT,



YES I WAS, SHERIFF, AND GREBE'S TELLIN THE TRUTH! HE GAVE JASON THE CASH YESTERDAY I'LL SWEAR TO THAT! SURE, I LOCKED TOMMY AND HIS FRIENDS IN HIS DAM TOWER! THE WERE TRES PASSING



COME ON A WILD

GOOSE CHASE! I'M SORRY, TOMSOM, BUT IF YOU HAVE NO

UP YOUR STORY

THAT DEED IS PER-

C'MON, RUFE! LET'S GO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE FERRY WITNESSES TO BACK FECTLY LEGAL! RUFE IS A HUNDRED PER CENT





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PROVE MUCH MORE PRACTICAL FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED!



I SURE HATE WE'D SURE LOVE TO,
TO BE GOING TOMMY! WE HAD A LOT
OF FUN! HEY-GET A
POP WANTS ! LOAD OF SLUGGER AND
US TO COME
BACK NEXT
SLMMER! HAVE TAKEN THE WEST
TO HEART!





How To Lick

ACNE AND ALL OTHER EXTERNALLY CAUSED BLEMISHES And Make Them

DISAPPEAR FROM SIG

Here is Mr. John A. Rubine, Ph.G. - a well-known pharmacist who has spent almost 20 years trying to solve one of the most vexing problems of vonth - and adults too unsightly, acue pimples, blackheads and similar externally. caused skin conditions.

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ALL KIDS ARE A LITTLE CRAZY ABOUT AIRPLANES, AND DILLY AND HIS FRIENDS ARE NO EXCEPTIONS! IT WAS ALL RIGHT WHILE THEY WERE JUST BUILDING MODELS, BUT WHEN DILLY ACTUALLY GOT HOLD OF THE CONTROLS OF A REAL PLANE...THINGS BEGAN TO HAPPEN!



BOX THIS FEMING MUST REALLY BE SOMETHING! I SURE WISH I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO LEARN!

LEARN!

BOX THIS FEMING HEY—LOOK AT THIS! A MODEL AIRPLANE CONTEST! AN THERE'S A HUNDRED DOLLAR PRIZE! LET'S ENTER LIT!

I HAVEN'T BUILT A NOT WITH ALL THREE MODEL PLANE IN OF US WORKING ON IT! YEARS, BUT IT COME ON, LET'S GO BUY SHOULDN'T BE THE THINGS WE NEED TOO TOUGH!



WHAT DO WERE ENTERING C MONI MY
YOU THINK A MODEL BASEMENT
YOU'RE GOING TO AIRPLANE MILL BE A PERFECT
ON WITH
ALL THAT
JUNK?

A MODEL BASEMENT
AIRPLANE MULL BE A PERFECT
ON TEST! PLACE TO BUILD AND
AIRPLANE MOTOR
WE CAN USE! THE
AD SAID WE DIDN'T
HAVE TO BUILD
THE MOTOR
OURSELVES!

TOY PLANES? I QUIT YEAH AND PLAYING WITH TOYS YOUR BRAIN STOPPED WORNING AT THE SAME TIME!

COME AROUND AFTER A HUNDRED WE WIN THE HUNDRED BUCKS! CMD DOLLAR PRIZE, — WALDO! I GRUESOME! WE'LL WANT TO BUILD BEER! THAT WILLDO











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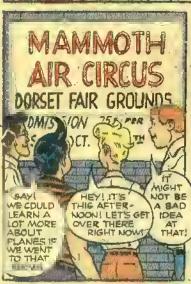




















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INTERESTED

I'LL GET FINE

BLADES OF

WE'LL

HAVE TO



I GOT THE SHORTEST





OH, WELL...LISTEN! IE YOU WANT TO GO LEFT, YOU PUSH THE LEFT FOOT FEDAL AND MOVE THE STICK TO THE LEFT INTS. JUST THE OPPOSITE IF YOU WANT TO GO TO THE RIGHT! PUSH THE STICK FORWARD TO GO DOWN! PULL IT BACK TO CLIMB! AND THESE GAUGES SHOW YOUR SPEED, ALTITUDE, OIL PRESSURE AND GASOLINE CAPACITY!

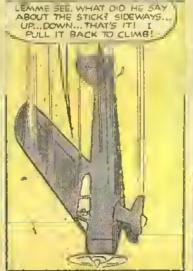








































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Dear Reader:

In every issue of DAREDEVIL this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. We have the pens and the talent, but you must supply the guidance. It will appear as you like it, but we must first know what's on your mind.

I'm a Filipino citizen and I read Doredevil manthly. My brother and I read Doredevil, Boy, Crime Does Not Pay, and Black Diamond. My sisters read lavers' Lone and Boy Meets Girl. I wish every Filipino citizen would read Doredevil. I have just finished reading Doredevil No. 75 and I liked the stary "Weazy Does It" best.

*Corlos A. Avecillo 7 Granate, Quiopo Manilo, Phil.

The Wise Guys are very funny. They get Into jams and then through their wifs, get out again. Your storles are good, wholesome, down-to-earth ones, not fantastic like others.

G.F.J.O.T.T. Son Francisco, Calif.

I have been reading and enjoying Daredevil Comics ever since I can remember. I couldn't tell you in a full page how much I enjoy them. Your stories are so true-to-life, I sometimes wonder if they are.

Sara Winther Box 192 Meeker, Oklo.

Your comic magazine is tops in its field. I have not seen anywhere on the markef a more unique mystery comic. This coinic is not like the others, which show very highly imaginative crime. Your stories of the little Wise Guys provide fun and seriousness in one story.

B2 Lucille St.
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My favorite comic backs are Boy, Daredevil and the Little Wise Guys. I think it is much better than going to the movies. Daredevil and Boy camic backs have very brilliant ideas. The issue I have now is July, No. 43, I'll be waiting for the next issue and every issue that cames out.

June Gness 18 Park Street: Peabody, Mass.

Thanks for a wonderful comic, it's the best I ever read. I like your Dilly Duncan, and would enjay seeing some mare of it. The staries are realistic and seem to be true-to-life. I'll never miss on issue as long as I still have a dime in my packet. I am also truly grateful for having a readers' page. My compliments to a truly great comic for combating crime.

Carl McAuliffe 140 Marningside Drive New York, N. Y.

I am eleven years old, and have been in Germany for the past three years. When I left the states, I thought my ount would have to send me Daredevil comics, but when I arrived I found all the Post Exchanges carried them,

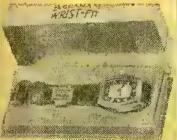
> Earl E. Latham, Jr. Dependents Mall Room A.P.O. 800 c/a P.M. New Yark, N. Y.

I think your comics are wonderful. I like your new character Dilly Duncon, Let's have more stories about him. The mare my friends and I read Boy comics, the more we like them. They're swell!

> Mary Esther Penneit Rt. 8 Box 493-B Jacksonville, Fla.

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The Men Who Pushed Too Hard



CRIMEBUSTER wasked past the high school and down the avenue. It was a cold December day and the snow was falling heavily. After he passed Pop Murphy's hamburger stand on the avenue around the corner from the school, he suddenly thought how good a hamburger and a hot cup of coftee would be on this bitter day. Crimebuster retraced his steps toward the stand. Squeeks, who was sitting on Crimebuster's shoulder, stopped shivering at the prospect of one of Pop's "Heavenly Hamburgers."

Crimebuster, seeing the swarm of high schoolers within, realized that he'd come at the rush hour. More pleased than discouraged at the crowd, he greeted his many friends, as did Squeeks who enjoyed himself as he was in tor some extra pampering and some extra hamburgers slipped siyly to him.

Crimebuster had been so busy talking to his friends that it was a while before he spotted Pop Murphy. Pop was a genial gent, a triend and confidant of his regular customers—the high school crowd. His reputation had spread far and wide as the best hamburger man in the husiness. Crimebuster finally saw Pop behind the counter, eased his way over to greet him.

"Well, Pop, it's been a long time! How are you?"

Much to Crimebuster's surprise, Pop looked up, then looked down—his eyes were shifting as if he didn't want to look directly at Crimehuster. Then he muttered, seemingly trying to gather himself together. "Oh, er, hello, Crimebuster." Then he hustied off busily to attend to dishing out more hamburgers. Pop was apparently too busy to engage in conversation with Crimebuster.

Crimebuster sank his teeth in a doubledecker hamburger and became so engrossed in the conversation about Center High's chances for the basketball championship, the current talk of instailing the honor system throughout the school and the gossip about the new, French mademoiselle who had replaced Monsieur Beauchamp in the language department, that any thoughts about Pop sifted out of his mind.

After he'd finished his second hamburger and had dawdied over his coffee. Crimebuster suddenly thought he'd better get back to Loover's office to see what had been' cooking all afternoon. He called to Squeeks and get no reply, then noticed that Squeeks was halfway through a chocolate malted and couldn't be disturbed. However, Crimebuster galhered Squeeks and the chocolate malted up together and left the camaraderie of Pop's to the teen agers.

/ As Crimebuster entered Loover's office he noticed that Loover looked disturbed.

"What's up, Loover?" asked Crimebuster.

"I have a hot lead on the dope racket," answered Loover, "but I can't do any tollow-up until this evening. Want to come along?"

"Sure thing," answered Crimebuster, "If there's anything I'd like to crack it's that!"

"Okay," continued Loover, "I'll pick you up tonight and I'll give you further briefing then."

To avoid identity and suspicion Crimebuster dressed that evening in typical high school clothes. Loover shaved off his mustache and pulled his hat well down over his face and together they drove to the shanty district of town. Loover had been tipped off to a crumby night club, the Green Goose, down by the tracks, that was reputedly a center for a ring of dope peddlers. Trying to act like prospective customers they were unable to get any leads. Either they had been recognized, or they had heen given a bum steer. After pursuing every angle to no avail they left the night club and started driving home.

"Tough luck, Loover," slighed Crimebuster.
"That seemed like a good lead. If we could only crack this racket."

"Right you are, C. B.," answered Loover, "yet it seems every lead I've had is a bum steer. Maybe the next time we'll hit it right."

"I hope so," answered Crimebuster. "I'm with you 100 per cent. Loover, why don't you let me off here? There's no use in your driving out of your way to take me home. Anyway, I'd like to get some of that night club smoke out of my lungs."

"Okay, C.B.," answered Loover as he stopped the car, "You're on your own. See you tomorrow."

Crimebuster climbed out of the car into the snowy darkness and felt the fresh air revive him. Again he walked past the high school and as he walked by he thought of Pop's "Heavenly Hamhurgers" again and decided to drop in. As he approached the stand he was pleased to see that the lights were still on and he hastened his steps at the thought of the town's best hamburgers. Just as Crimebuster rounded the corner of the avenue he noticed that the door of the stand was open, two men rushed out and jumped into a car which had been parked directly in front. They seemed to waste no time. The motor must have been left running, for no sooner did they jump in the car than they skidded off to a start. By this time Crimebuster was close enough to the stand, and since the light from the open door flooded the street he was able to notice the make and color of the car. He also automatically made a mental note of tile license number-CV 3554. Crimebuster had already hastened his steps and now ran to the stand and through the open door.

The stand was deserted. There was not a customer inside. In fact, Pop was not there. "Hey, Pop," he yelled, "is anyone here?"

Crimebuster was greeted with dead slience. Then he heard a sound. Unfortunately it was only the sizzling of the grease on the grid expecting another hamburger to be slapped down. Obviously the burner must be on, so Crimebuster went behind the counter to turn off the gas. As he stepped behind the counter, he saw Pop—there on the floor.

Crimebuster gasped and bent over the still form lying on the floor. Pop's mouth was bleeding, his eye was turning blue and it looked like he'd been struck a heavy blow on his bald head. Crimebuster feit his pulse and breathed a sigh of relief to find it still limping along.

First Crimebuster called an ambulance, then he called the police and relayed the information of the car he'd seen. He described the make of the car and told them the ileense number. As the ambulance sirened up to the stand, Crimebuster helped them carry the still unconscious Pop, then he rode with him to the hospital. Pop finally came to enough to utter a moan and a groan but was not conscious enough to talk.

Crimebuster stayed at the hospital all night, sleeping fitfully on a couch in the waiting room. He was awakened the next morning by an intern. "C.B.," he said, "Pop's conscious now, hut pretty well beat up. You can see him now."

Crimebuster walked Into the hospital room. The sight of the genlal Pop made him want to turn his head away. The bruised eye of last night had turned one side of his face purple, and the small bumps on his bald head had grown to the size of apples. Through it all Pop managed to smile, revealing several missing teeth.

"Well, C.B.," sighed Pop, "you saved my life. I don't know how to thank you. You not only saved my life but you saved a lot of kids from destruction!"

"What do you mean?" queried the astonlshed Crimebuster.

Crimebuster sat down and Pop, though weak, seemed anxlous to tell Crimebuster the whole story. Pop revealed that the two men who had beat him up the night before weren't strangers to him. They had first appeared one night about a month ago. It had been late and Pop was just ready to close. However, they seemed hungry and he whipped up some super hamburgers for them. They then invited him to sit at the table with them. They were pleas-ant men, traveling saiesmen, and he enjoyed their conversation. They offered him a clgarette which he took without a thought and that's what started it. Pop somehow at first didn't realize it was the cigarette that affected him but the men seemed more and more congenial as time passed. They came in the next night and by this time Pop was putting two and two together but couldn't resist the temptation. In the space of a week they seemed to have him where they wanted him and he was becoming dependent on them. They came in more frequently and supplied Pop with his needs. Pop, however, still was conscious enough to realize that he'd become jittery and shifty-eyed. He found himself jumping at kids for no reason, and he found that they made him very nervous. The last time the men had visited him he fully realized their racket. He knew that they wanted him, because of his proxlmlty to the school and because of his close relationship to the kids, to be a middle-man, a go-between, a dope pusher. Even Pop in his "almost over-the-hrink" state had not heen able to face this and refused. The men threatened to cut him off and to expose him. Last night he had refused again and as a result, there he was in the hospital a human wreck.

Just at this point in Pop's story the intern beckened to Crimebuster. "There's a phone call for you, C.B."

Crimebuster rushed to the phone. Loover was calling and breathlessly said, "Well, C.B., we pleked up the two assallants and they're booked for assault and battery. Quick work, eh?"

"Quick work, right," answered Crimebuster. "Search them. Then I'm sure you can book them on illegal possession of dope. I think we've found the instigators of the dope ring."



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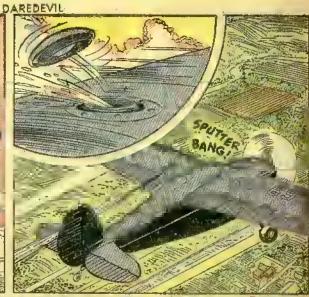




































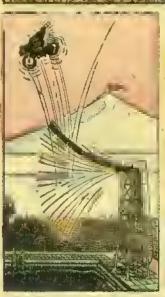




























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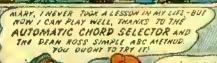












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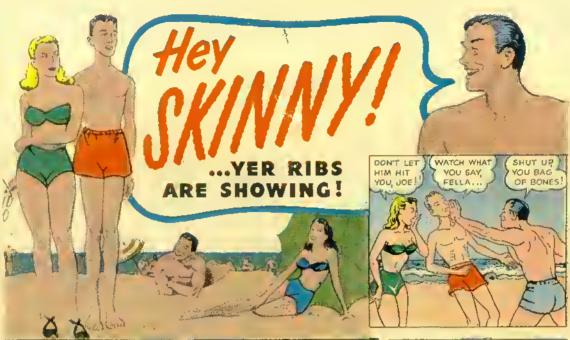
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